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SUBJ: BARBADIAN GOVT INVITES US PARTICIPATION IN CRASH  
INQUIRY

1. IN A DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED OCTOBER 20 AND RECEIVED  
TODAY THE GOB STATES IT "WISHES TO EXTEND AN INVITATION  
TO YOUR GOVT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENQUIRY." THE  
NOTE REQUESTS A QUICK ANSWER INCLUDING, IF ANSWER AFFIRMA-  
TIME, THE NAME OR NAMES OF "ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES."  
A PROCEDURAL FIRST SESSION OF THE PUBLIC INVESTIGATION WILL  
BE HELD OCTOBER 28; THE FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION IS  
SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 8.

2. TEXT MINUS STANDARD OPENING AND CLOSING:

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"....THAT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE COMMISSION OF ENQUIRY, APPOINTED BY THE ACTING GOVERNOR-GENERAL TO CONDUCT AN ENQUIRY INTO THE CAUSES AND CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED ON THE 6TH OCTOBER, 1976 OFF THE COAST OF BARBADOS, WILL BE HELD IN PUBLIC AT 10:00 A.M. ON THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER, 1976 AT NO. 1 COURT, LAW COURTS, BRIDGETOWN. THIS SESSION WILL DEAL WITH PROCEDURAL AND PRELIMINARY MATTERS.

"THE COMMISSION HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT ITS FIRST SUBSTANTIVE SESSION WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER, 1976, AT 9:30 A.M. AT THE LAW COURTS, BRIDGETOWN, WHEN THE TAKING OF EVIDENCE WILL COMMENCE.

"A COPY OF THE RELEVANT NOTICE ISSUED BY THE SECRETARY TO THE COMMISSION IS ENCLOSED.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF BARBADOS WISHES TO EXTEND AN INVITATION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENQUIRY.

"THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WOULD BE GRATEFUL TO BE INFORMED WHETHER YOUR GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO APPOINT AN ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ENQUIRY, AND IF SO, TO BE NOTIFIED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAME OR NAMES OF SUCH REPRESENTATIVE OR REPRESENTATIVES."

3. THE GOVT NOTICE ENCLOSED WITH THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THE PURPOSE OF THE ENQUIRY IS "TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ... IN RESPECT OF AIRCRAFT ACCIDENT PREVENTION AND SAFETY MEASURES; AND TO FURNISH THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL WITH A WRITTEN REPORT OF THE SAID ENQUIRY AND RECOMMENDATIONS."

4. THE NOTICE FURTHER STATES "THE COMMISSIONERS ARE: THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE DENYS AMBROSE WILLIAMS (ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE) (CHAIRMAN); MR. THOMAS EDWIN WENT (FORMER DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION); MR. WILLIAM MAURICE HOWES (SUPERINTENDENT OF INVESTIGATION AUDIT OF THE CANADIAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT.)"

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT FURNISH US WITH REPLY TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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